

**DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT  
DRAFT MINUTES  
June 11, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00a.m. Zoom Webinar

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Macedo – Turlock Irrigation District (TID) (via Zoom)  
Margaret Hannaford – City & County of San Francisco (CCSF) (via Zoom)  
Stu Gilman – Modesto Irrigation District (MID) (via Zoom)

OTHERS PRESENT: Ryan Reis – DPRA, Department Manager (via Zoom)  
Brannon Gomes – DPRA, Division Manager (via Zoom)  
James Bergerson – DPRA, Chief Ranger (via Zoom)  
Rebecca Dack – DPRA, Administrative Assistant (via Zoom)  
Sara Lima – DPRA General Counsel (via Zoom)  
Katie Linton – Suntex (via Zoom)

**CALL TO ORDER**

This meeting is being conducted via webinar, pursuant to Executive Orders signed by Governor Gavin Newsom related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including provisions regarding the Brown Act. Members of the Board of Directors and the public will participate in the meetings by utilizing Zoom’s webinar feature or through a phone number, both of which are provided in the meeting agenda. Instruction sheet for Zoom log in was provided to the Board of Control and the public prior to the meeting. Director Macedo notified the public there would be opportunities for the public to comment on each agenda item immediately following each agenda item.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Director Gilman motioned to approve the minutes for the Board of Control Regular Meeting of March 12, 2021, and the Board of Control Special Meetings of May 3, 2021. Director Hannaford seconded the motion. Motion carried. Copies are on file at Don Pedro Headquarters.

**MATTERS TO THE GOOD OF THE AGENCY**

Director Macedo opened to the public to discuss Matter to the Good of the Agency.

There was discussion regarding the water levels affecting the launch ramps at Blue Oaks and Moccasin. DPRA is currently working with Suntex and TID Hydrology Department regarding projections. There was discussion regarding the current location of the Moccasin Marina and alternative locations.

**FIREWORKS DAY USE RATE – Action Item**

Director Reis requested the Board to consider changing the rates for the 2021 Fireworks Show from \$20 per vehicle to \$40 per vehicle and from \$10 per vessel to \$20 per vessel to account for additional fees. Director Hannaford motioned for approval, Director Gilman Seconded. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Reservations were up from May 2019 to May 2021. Reservations were closed due to COVID-19 from March 20, 2020 to June 18, 2020, so no reservations were made in May of 2020.

Director Reis provided an update regarding current staffing and vacancies. He reviewed the process for seasonal hiring and the challenge to fill seasonal vacancies for 2021 due to the need for higher pay, year-round and/or full-time employment, the long commute, etc.

Director Reis provided a Fiscal Update noting that projected revenue with contributions for the month of April 2021 was \$330,528 and actual revenue without contributions was \$302,829. Actual revenue with Sponsor contributions was \$429,553. In 2019, actual revenue without contributions was \$800,809 and with contributions it was \$1,303,413 and 2018 actual revenue without contributions was \$204,780 and with contributions \$321,346. Projected expenses

for April 2021 were \$332,680 and the actual expenses were \$302,306.

Director Reis provided an overview of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Don Pedro Project and the Reservoir. He highlighted TID and MID's joint efforts with a 6-week campaign in local papers and social media, highlighting the benefits of Don Pedro.

Director Reis provided an overview of Memorial Day Weekend noting the Agency brought in more vehicles during the 2021 Memorial Day holiday weekend than each of the last fireworks shows in 2018 and 2019.

Director Reis provided an update on the Overflow Roadway. The serpentine-style roadway was opened to the public on Friday, May 28. The roadway helped mitigate back-up traffic on Bonds Flat.

Additionally, Director Reis provided an update on a prospective left turn lane on Bonds Flat Rd. at the Fleming Meadows entrance with an analysis provided by Tuolumne County. There was discussion regarding additional widening that may need to be researched as the new Visitor Center is built. Director Reis noted a lot of the backup is inside the park and would like to look at alternative options to best identify the problems and best solutions. He noted the County would not be the lead agency on the left turn lane. There was discussion about cost and potential grants available for recreation. Director Hannaford also noted the serpentine road an impressive effort by DPRA staff and TID engineers.

#### **RECREATION COMPARISON**

Director Reis provided a 5-year history of DPRA rates and increases. He also provided a comparison of neighboring facilities. During the creation of the 2021 budget, the Agency received direction from the Board to look at rates and revenue vs. expense to close the gap. All three Board members noted they are happy with the value DPRA continues to provide.

Additionally, Director Reis highlighted the benefits of DPRA. There was discussion regarding a potential mountain biking trail that could bring in users during lower use times to help boost sales during the off-season. Director Reis noted the Agency can look into cost of creating and maintaining additional trails. The Board also thanks Director Reis on the research he put into the rates review. Director Macedo noted the Agency is on the right track.

#### **SUNTEX PROJECT TRACKER UPDATE**

Director Reis provided an update regarding Suntex project progress. There was discussion regarding the status of the private houseboat dock. Katie Linton, from Suntex, informed the Board the work is still in progress. Suntex has ordered the panels and are having them painted. Suntex expects completion of the private houseboat dock decking this month. Director Hannaford requested some additional information the project tracker to include the date the project was identified, as well as a column to identify safety items.

#### **BOARD CONSIDERATION OF CHANGING DATE OF SEPTEMBER MEETING – Action Item**

Director Reis requested the Board to consider changing the date of the September Regular Board Meeting due to scheduling conflicts. Director Hannaford motioned to change the September meeting to Friday Sept 24, 2021, Director Gilman seconded. Motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Due to no further business Director Hannaford motioned to adjourn, Director Gilman seconded. The Board adjourned at 10:47a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Reis  
Secretary to Board of Control

Copies to: Messrs. Hannaford, Mazurkiewicz, Williams, Edwards  
Messrs. Fernandes, Reimers, Macedo, Her  
Messrs. Gilman, Tienken, Wenger